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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Snow changing to rain and continuing until Sunday morning. Sunday cloudy, windy, somewhat colder.

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Large RAF Forces Execute An Extensive Mine- Laying Program—All Bombers Return Safely—Offensive Continues With American Marauders Roaring Toward Northern France This Morning.

By Charles A. Smith

(1. N. S. Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 4—Speedy British Mosquito bombers stabbed at Berlin during the night, less than 12 hours after P-38 Lightnings carried out the war's first American offensive sweep over the Nazi capital.

Other targets in bomb-blasted Western Germany also were hit by the Mosquitoes and large RAF forces executed an extensive mine-laying program. All bombers returned safely, the Air Ministry announced.

Continuing the offensive against the continent in daylight, "tremendous" forces of Allied bombers, including deadly twin-motor American Marauders, roared toward Northern France this morning.

Soon after the bombers crossed the Straits of Dover to extend the current pre-invasion campaign by U. S. warplanes into its third consecutive day, explosions so heavy they shook buildings on the Dover coast reverberated from the Pas de Calais "rocket gun" area.

The night activity came after speedy twin-tailed American P-38 Lightnings, executing a 1,120-mile roundtrip flight, roared over the Nazi capital in "an offensive sweep" possibly heralding large-scale American heavy bomber assaults on Berlin.

The history-making flight coincided with attacks on targets in bomb-blasted Northwest Germany by fighter-escorted Fortresses and Liberators from which ten heavy bombers and six fighters failed to return.

The U. S. fighters were credited with downing eight German interceptors, and the number of enemy planes shot down by heavy bomber gunners had not been tabulated at the time air force headquarters announced the raids.

The official announcement did

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Bus Is Presented To The 1st Baptist Church

A bus has been presented to the First Baptist Church, according to an announcement made today by the pastor, the Rev. L. L. Clark. The donors of the bus which will provide transportation to certain services are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Talbot.

The bus service will be inaugurated next Thursday evening, March 9th, to take children to the Happy Bible Hour at the church on Walnut street. It will be used each Thursday evening, and also each Sunday morning, the Sunday transportation starting March 12th, with trips to outlying sections to transport individuals to Sunday School and also to church service.

The bus will leave the edifice at 6:10 p. m. on Thursday, making a circle trip; and two trips will be made on each Sunday morning, effective March 12th. The complete itinerary will be announced within a few days. The areas to be served are: Sixth ward, Edgely, Fleetwings Estates, Green Lane homes, Bristol Terraces 1 and 2, Bath Addition, Windsor Village, and West Bristol.

The bus will be formally dedicated at the service on the morning of March 12th.

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It was also asked at this meeting that the public be advised that grass will be most inflammable during the coming spring season. As volunteer fire companies are being drained of manpower, cooperation by all will help prevent destruction by fire.

A pair of boots was lost at a recent fire. It will be appreciated if anyone knowing the whereabouts of same will return them or pass on information so they may be replaced in service.

Notification is served that the fire siren in Edgely will be blown one short blast at seven p. m. each evening. This will be at the same time the Bristol sirens blow, and will be for testing purposes only.

Over 100 Navy Patrolmen Protect 4th Naval Dis't

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 4—(INS)—More than a hundred Navy shore patrolmen, 85 percent of whom were formerly in police service, protect the interests of sailors in the Fourth Naval District.

The shore patrol is taught to protect, not manhandle, to befriend, not incite, according to naval spokesmen. When the SP makes arrests, it delivers offenders to their respective ships, where charges are preferred against them.

All magistrate hearings involving service men are attended by the SP, who follow up the cases.

MORRISVILLE PLANE SPOTTERS GET PINS

Awards Made at Ceremony In American Legion Post Home

3 MONTHS OR MORE

MORRISVILLE, Mar. 4—A large number of individuals received pins a few nights ago, for serving at least three months on the Morrisville Observation Post. The exercises were held in the American Legion Post home.

Cracks Down On Raising Of Chickens In Township

MT. LEBANON, Mar. 4—War or no war, Mt. Lebanon Township has "cracked down" on chicken raising with strict regulations.

Provided the property owner has enough ground, he can have his chickens. Robert Boyer, township manager explained:

"A chicken coop cannot be any closer than 200 feet from the front line of the property or closer to the side and rear property lines than 50 feet." It's a township ordinance.

Most chicken owners, Boyer said, raise them not for their meat but as a hobby—and a costly hobby. One fancier, he asserted, quit his hobby, explaining:

"When I started to figure out how much these eggs were costing me, I decided it was cheaper to buy them. Each egg cost me better than 10 cents apiece."

CONCAS HAVE SON

Attorney and Mrs. William H. Conca, of 414 Lafayette street, are parents of a boy born in Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia, on Thursday evening. The baby has been named Vincent Anthony.

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FINANCIAL AID FOR DISABLED SERVICEMEN AWAITING FEDERAL COMPENSATION NOW AVAILABLE

Red Cross Grants Help During Period After Service Pay Stops

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4—Service men, returning from combat duty in the war zones, are thanking their lucky stars that the American Red Cross Home Service has a post-war plan.

The plan, already in operation for service men discharged for disabilities, is expected to continue well into the post-war period. It assures temporary financial aid to men and their families if that aid is needed during the period pending settlement of claims for government benefits, and offers assistance with applications for benefits.

In March 1943, Red Cross filed over 6,000 claims for veterans' pensions. Six months later the number had jumped to 25,000 a month. Requests for Red Cross assistance in filing claims for government benefits continue to increase in proportion to the number of men discharged from military service.

At present the bulk of cases filed by Red Cross are filed for service men by Red Cross field directors attached to Army and Navy hospitals in this country where over 3000 Red Cross workers are on the job to take care of the disabled involved.

When men are discharged from the hospitals, and returned to their homes, Red Cross chapters take over the responsibility of aiding veterans and their families.

Any service man or his dependents, faced with hardship involving financial problems resulting from his service in the armed forces, or needing consultation service in connection with compensation, pensions, government insurance and other benefits, may now turn to Red Cross Home Service for assistance.

Information regarding the latest legislation affecting the service man and his family also is available through Red Cross chapters Home Service workers who are kept advised.

Because the Red Cross does not ordinarily supplement benefits provided by the government, financial assistance from chapters will end as soon as government compensation begins.

Red Cross is recognized by law and authorized by the Veterans Administration in the presentation of claims. Any service man wishing

FEBRUARY'S AVERAGE TEMPERATURE WAS 34

Rainfall In This Area For the Past Month Was 1.25 Inches

SNOW FELL TWO DAYS

February's average temperature in this area was 34, or two degrees above the freezing point. That the maximum for the month was 62 and the minimum was 13 is shown by the meteorological summary made up by Rohm & Haas Co. physics laboratory.

The highest temperature range in a 24 hour period was 34 degrees, and the lowest range was four.

The total rainfall for the month was 1.25 inches, with 45 inches as the greatest rainfall in any 24-hour period. The measurement period was from eight o'clock one morning until eight the next morning. On five days the precipitation measured .01 inches or more.

There were nine clear days; nine cloudy days; and 11 days that were partly cloudy.

Snow fell on two days, February 11th and February 29th.

ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON

On March 14, St. James' Circle will sponsor a St. Patrick's luncheon in the rectory from 12 until two o'clock. Net proceeds will be given to Red Cross war fund. Reservations should be made by Monday, March 13th.

A Lot of Heathens

By "The Stroller"

At a small gathering of friends the other evening, by way of amusement, the group played "penny-ante-poker." Difficulty was experienced in finding change by those engaged in the pastime.

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Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, and granddaughter, Gail Brown, Swain street, has been spending the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLaughlin, Florence, N. J.

Sixth Ward Firemen Receive Their Charter

Approximately 30 members attended the meeting of Bristol Volunteer Fire Co., No. 6, Thursday evening, in Karp's Hall.

Fred W. Randall, chairman of the building committee, reported progress, and stated that the deed to the lots had been received, and also that the charter had been granted. He produced the deed and a copy of the charter for the perusal of the members. At the conclusion of his report he was accorded a rousing vote of thanks.

Other committees reported progress and were instructed by President Paul Brown to continue their good work.

Norman E. Hetherington, minstrel show and dance committee chairman, made a full report of the activities and progress made to date. He stated that all necessary arrangements are being taken care of and everything points to a successful affair. In closing, he requested a full turn-out of participants in the minstrel show at the next rehearsal to be held Tuesday evening in Karp's Hall promptly at eight o'clock.

SIX DIVORCE LIBELS FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Three Men and Three Women Each Begin Suits For Separation

CASES TO BE HEARD

DOYLESTOWN, Mar. 4—Six libels in divorce have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas, here.

Harry E. Parker, Southampton, charges his wife, Elfrieda Klander Parker, McCallum street, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, with desertion.

Married February 28th, at Elton, Md., Cleo Sline Thuszec, 32 Green street, Sellersville, is asking for a divorce from her husband, Stanley J. Thuszec, Dublin, on the grounds of desertion since March 15, 1938.

Indignities to the person are named as the reasons in the libel filed by Joseph C. Picciotto, 32 Maple avenue, Langhorne, against Matilda Picciotto, Avenue E, Parkland.

Hedy V. Wilkoski, Walnut and

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TRIO OF BOOKS ABLY REVIEWED BY WOMEN

Mrs. R. W. DeLong, Mrs. Geo. E. Boswell, Mrs. F. K. Wills Take Part

BEFORE TRAVEL CLUB

The subject matter of a trio of books was presented to members of The Travel Club yesterday on the occasion of the annual book review program.

Two were of a humorous nature, and the third exceptionally interesting in the very tragicness of its make-up.

Taking the part of reviewers were Mrs. Russell W. DeLong, Mrs. George E. Boswell, and Mrs. Franklin K. Wills, they being presented to the club by Mrs. Richard T. Myers, chairman of literature.

"My Family, Right or Wrong" written by John Phillip Sousa, 3d, was the book which Mrs. DeLong reviewed. The author, the grandson of the well-known band leader, told in his book the story of an amazing family, the mother deciding it was just as cheap to move the family from the east to California as to buy new winter coats for all, she adding that they would have a lovely winter trip in the bargain. The father's weakness for fishing and the necessary equipment that goes with such a hobby, were mentioned. The constant turmoil in which the family found itself, due to the mother's sudden decision and love of touring.

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Makefield Mothers Plan Home Economics Meeting

The Makefield Mothers' Club will hold a session at the home of Mrs. Harry Hoffman on Tuesday afternoon, March 14, at 2 o'clock. This will be a home economics meeting which will be opened by the president, Mrs. Henry Parsons, with a business session.

Music will be furnished by Mrs. LeRoy Smith and the members will give current events concerning important topics of the day.

Miss Mary Jacoby who has charge of Home Economics in Bucks Co., will be the guest speaker.

The club will sponsor a salad and victory sandwich contest. The contest calls for a gelatine salad and victory sandwich which will not require ration points. Each person will furnish enough salad for six sandwiches.

The hostesses will be Mrs. Burleigh Johnson, Mrs. Charles Dilliplane, Mrs. Robert Shimer and Mrs. Charles Rowe.

In a Personal Way ---

INTERESTING items of news mainly about people you know. A chronicle of the activities of the people of Bristol; their goings and comings. ---

To arrange for publication of news, telephone The Bristol Courier, Box 845, notifying at least a few days in advance the date of ceremony.

Engagement announcements must be submitted in writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whyatt and daughter, Miss Enid Whyatt and Mrs. Thomas Campion, Wilson Avenue, spent Sunday in New York City. Mrs. Campion is remaining there and has entered Cornell University Hospital where she will take a nursing course.

Miss Mary O'Donnell, Otter St., spent Sunday until Thursday in Centralia with relatives.

Serrill Appleton, Woodbridge, N.J., spent the week-end with relatives in Bristol.

Today's Quiet Moment
(By the Rev. James R. Galley)
Pastor
Bristol Presbyterian Church

Almighty and Eternal Father, we thank Thee for the blessings which Thou dost give unto us. We thank Thee for life and health and strength. We thank Thee for the supplying of our daily needs, for the food we eat, for the clothes we wear, for the homes we enjoy. We thank Thee, O God, for we know that all these things come from Thee. We are capable of earning our livelihood only as Thou dost bless us with strength. We are capable of producing worldly things only because Thou hast given us the ability. Help us, O God, to consecrate all our possessions unto Thee, that in the testimony of our lips, and in the testimony of our acts, and in the testimony of our possessions Thy Name shall be glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Miss Ruth Yates, who has been residing on Harrison street, has moved to Mulberry street.

Staff Sgt. Robert Moore, who was stationed in Panama for some time, is now with the American Air Force at Dover, Del.

Allan Hibbs, S 2/c, returned to Sampson, N. Y., after spending 21 days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bunting, Wood street. He also spent three days in Eddystone with Mr.

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Mrs. E. Linton Martin was in charge of the meeting, she calling upon Mrs. Boswell for reading of

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Deaths

LOVETT—At Tullytown, Pa., Mar. 4, 1944, Clara K., wife of Leroy S. Lovett. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, Main Street, Tullytown, Pa., on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment Tullytown Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening.

NEARING TWO RECORDS



By Jack Sords

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR
BUT LOPEZ IS CLOSING IN ON
HARTNETT'S TOTAL GAMES RECORD
OF 1,790. AL WILL START THE
NEXT CAMPAIGN WITH HAVING
CAUGHT IN 1,599 GAMES

Trenton Five To Oppose
Chemical Mixers Here
Tomorrow

GIRLS TEAMS MEET

Trenton Girls' League Team

Ready To Meet Local
Five

With 26 victories in its last 27 games, the Rohm and Haas quintet will play an all-star team from the Trenton Metropolitan League tomorrow afternoon on the Social Club floor, Maple Beach. In the preliminary game, the Rohm and Haas girls will meet the Top Road quartet of the Trenton Girls' League. Opening tap-off takes place at 2:30 o'clock.

Manager "Jake" Gouza intends to play his regular team against the others, starting Rice and Caro as forwards; Murphy, center; with Vassant and Klein as guards. On the reserve list he has Dougherty, Canale, Wollard, and Larsen.

Six Divorce Libels Filed In County Court

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Maryland aves., Cornwells Heights, charges her husband is her libel for divorce with indignities to the person and cruel and barbarous treatment beginning immediately after her marriage in Torrington, December 28, 1940, to Alfred M. Wlakoski, Bristol Pike, Eddington. W. Richard Bissell, Perkasie, is asking for a divorce from his wife, Mary A. Bissell, 619 Woodland Drive, Eddington, on the grounds of desertion since December 16, 1941.

Indignities to the person is the reason given by Myrtle S. Vearns, Willow Grove, for the divorce she is asking from George P. Vearns, 165 S. Main street, Doylestown.

Trio of Books Ably Reviewed By Women

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orders; the father's attention to hobbies rather than to any type of work; and the son's love affair, provided much merriment not only for the reader but for those to whom the story was retold yesterday.

The second book reviewed was "The Case for Mrs. Surratt" (Campbell), the story of Mrs. John Harrison Surratt, who went to the scaffold for the murder of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Boswell capably presented the information given in the book. The family of Mrs. Surratt is said to have given the land on which the capitol at Washington now stands. Her husband became the first postmaster at Surrattsville, Md. The shiftlessness of the husband and his sudden death were told, likewise other details of the family leading up to the time where Mrs. Surratt found herself unwittingly involved in a tumult of intrigue. John Wilkes Booth was a frequent visitor of her family, and as a favor for him she carted in a carriage supposedly borrowed from Booth a package of carbines and ammunition, not knowing what the paper-wrapped package contained. Events leading to the arrest of Mrs. Surratt and her daughter were given, and the likely conditions of the prison mentioned. Not one word was Mrs. Surratt permitted in her own behalf at the trial before a military tribunal. The club members were informed of the manner in which the woman, believed innocent of any knowledge of the crime, made her way to the scaffold. Two years later her name was cleared of all blame, and her son exonerated also, no having returned from Canada after his mother's arrest. Mrs. Boswell told how all persons who had betrayed innocent blood took their own lives within a short time after Mrs. Surratt's execution.

By International News Service

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